

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Festival of Rice and Spice 2019
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Colchester
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Date of report: 01 April 2019
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £2,000 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Essex Police as a contribution to the costs of the annual Festival of Rice and Spice event.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £2,000 to Essex Police as a contribution to the local Festival of Rice and Spice event.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Festival of Rice and Spice is a free one-day festival bringing Colchester's diverse local communities together to celebrate - built around the global themes of diversity and equality. It creates an opportunity and a platform for all local communities in Colchester to showcase and share their heritage through food, dance, music, performance and visual arts. The network of organisations involved represents a wide range of communities, including Bangladeshi, Black African, Caribbean, Chinese, Eastern European, Indian, Iraqi, Nepalese, Syrian, Turkish, Refugees, Migrant workers, Travellers and local White British groups, together with individuals from many other nationalities.
- 3.2. Research and experience from previous events has identified this as an excellent vehicle to fuse these groups and to promote and improve community cohesion and trust. At last year's festival, Essex Police recruited 4 Special Constables who have now been trained and are supporting their local communities.

3.3. The event will help to build relationships between different communities and between those communities and Essex Police.

4. Background and proposal

This is the fourth year of this event. The PFCC has provided match-funding on previous occasions, recognising the value of such a celebration.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This grant supports the PFCC's ambition to make the police part of local communities and local communities part of the police.

6. Police Operational Implications

Essex Police officers support this event. The application for this funding is from the Colchester Local Policing Team which is coordinating the event.

7. Financial Implications

The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £2,000 to Essex Police from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund.

8. Legal Implications

The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

There are no staffing implications for the OPFCC.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O Sign: [Signature]
Print: P. BEAST-TRESCROW
Date: 24 May 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABBEY GORIN
Date: 28/5/19

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *Janis Gaudet*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *28 May 2019*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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